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Over the last few months it feels as if music performance has come back to DASP Music! I realise that as I write this, COVID levels seem to be rising, but fortunately, none of the events that we had planned this term have been hugely affected and it has been glorious to see the students working together to make music again.

Our two biggest performances have been the culmination of our Songlines project with 200 children performing in Maumbury Rings and our Summer Concert at the Weymouth Pavilion.

We also have lots of other projects on the go and have been making plans for more projects and events for next academic year.

As we head towards the summer holidays, I feel a sense of relief that music for young people is alive and thriving once more in our area.

Wishing you all a restful summer when we get there!

Hanna Trevorrow
Head of DASP Music



Massed DASP Orchestra at our Summer Concert at the Weymouth Pavilion

Exam Success!

Congratulations to all the students who have passed music exams this term!

Songlines Performance



Throughout the spring and summer terms, we have been working in collaboration with Dorchester Arts and Dorset Museum on an exciting project involving all of the Year 4 children within DASP.

In the spring term, the children all visited the Dorset Museum and researched the geological history of Dorset in the Natural Dorset gallery. They then worked with local composer, Geof Edge, to create a series of songs all about the changing Dorset

landscape. Songs had titles such as "Triassic Dorset is a Desert", "Across the Tundra", and "Through the Jungle".

Together with Geof Edge, Mrs Trevorrow then worked with the children to rehearse the songs. The project culminated in a performance in Maumbury Rings on Saturday 18th June with over 200 children and over 60 adults taking part.

The whole project was such a lovely experience for the children to not only rehearse and perform, but to also experience the composition process from initial ideas, through to completed works.

Huge thank you and well done to all involved!

Summer Concert 2022



On Sunday 3rd July, over 200 students from across DASP took part in the DASP Summer Concert at Weymouth Pavilion.

This year, many performance groups collaborated and once such group was the large-scale joint orchestra of children from Year 1 to Year 13 who performed The Toreador Song from Carmen. There was also a massed choir of students from across DASP who performed Put a Little Love in your Heart and Everybody Needs Somebody, accompanied by a live

band, as the finale of the performance.

It was so wonderful to see the children performing music together in an inside venue again and I hope that this is the start of things returning to normality. A huge thanks to all of the staff involved in preparing the students for the performance and to those who were there on the day. If you are interested in getting involved in this sort of performance in the future, talk to your school about what musical groups they have on offer and also have a look at our cross-school DASP Music ensembles. A video with highlights from the concert can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/W6axDyIDaHU>

Boys Vocal Groups



We were really pleased this year to be able to fund some new boys vocal groups in our middle schools through funding we received as part of the Dorset Music Education Hubs singing strategy. A group of these boys performed brilliantly at the summer concert.

We are really excited that through our fundraising we are able to continue to support these groups for the next academic year. If you have a boy in a middle school, please look out for information in September about how to get involved. Singing is for everyone!

Do you want to start learning an instrument in September?



DASP Music can offer tuition in the DASP schools on a range of instruments. Please apply via our website.

We have a special scheme starting in September aimed at encouraging students in Years 5 and 6 to start learning an orchestral instrument.

If your child is going to be in Year 5 or 6 in September and is interested in learning the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, violin or cello, please consider applying for our TOMORROW'S ORCHESTRA PROGRAMME (TOPs). This scheme includes a small group lesson, hire of an instrument and access to one of our beginner ensembles for an all-inclusive price of £55 per term.

We are extending our deadline for applications to the start of September, so please do consider applying if you think your child might be interested: <https://forms.gle/C8uZQ882NE28Gmrq6>

Dates for next Year:

7th December 2022 – DASP Christmas Concert

20th May 2023 – DASP Arts Festival

Join a DASP Music Ensemble



If your child already learns an instrument, it is strongly recommended that they join an ensemble to benefit from the experience of making music with others.

Students who play in groups often make quicker progress than those who don't and also benefit from developing other musical and social skills. There are many instrumental and vocal ensembles available in the middle schools and at Hardyes (there are groups of various different genres suitable for all instruments, including guitars, drummers and pianists!). In addition to the free offer of ensembles available in the schools, DASP Music is also able to offer a selection of cross-school ensembles.

Next year we are going to be running the following groups:

Weds

4pm - 4.50pm *Stringalings (Training Strings) (Grade 0-2)*

@THS

4pm - 4.50pm *Bandamonium (Training Windband) (Grade 0-2)*

@THS

5pm - 6.00pm *DASP Youth Orchestra (approx Grade 2+) @THS*

Thursday

3:45 - 4:30pm *Skylarks Choir (Years 2-4) @ Prince of Wales*

Friday

4pm - 5pm *Nightingales Choir (Years 5-8) @ THS*

If you think your child might be interested in joining one of these groups, please complete an online application form:

<https://www.daspmusic.co.uk/applying-for-a-dasp-ensemble.html>